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The mirrors of at least two cars were damaged when vandals struck vehicles parked in N lot Sunday.

Vandals damage cars in N lot

AARON HAGEN ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two cars suffered damage in N lot early Sunday morning. The cars both had outside mirrors damaged sometime between 1:30 and 10 a.m.

John Myers, director of campus safety and security, said that the two cars were in the far north side of the lot, which made it hard for anyone to see the incident happen.

"We did a report, and we called the police," Myers said. "Maybe somebody who was in N lot between 1:30 and 10 Sunday morning that saw something suspicious will either let us or the police know what they saw."

Even though Myers has told his patrol to go

in the lots more often, he admits, "we can't be in all the lots all the time."

With recent damage in D lot involving tires, and the slashing of tires last year, Myers said he still does not foresee any changes in parking lot security.

He said that there are approximately 1,200 cars on campus, and that installing any sort of security system in the lots would be very expensive.

"The actual activity was down, it was just that the activity that we did have were those that warranted reports, so it kept us busy on the computer doing reports. But generally it was a fair weekend, it wasn't bad at all."

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Biden makes campaign stop at Wartburg

WHITNEY FREE STAFF WRITER

Democratic Senator Joe Biden will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the Lyceum as the Engaging Students: First in the Nation project.

The senator will be on Wartburg's campus to discuss major election issues and open

a question-and-answer session to students. A meet-and-greet session will follow the forum.

Students are encouraged to attend and learn more about the issues playing key roles in the upcoming election.

The First in the Nation project, in collaboration with

Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, hopes to host several more major candidate forums and other political events as the elections grow closer.

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Campus lacking fire sprinkler systems in most residence halls

ALAN SIMMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Nearly 900 students who live on campus at Wartburg are in dormitories without sprinkler systems.

A study conducted by The Des Moines Register found that 69 percent of Wartburg students lack fire suppression systems, while 57 percent of

students statewide live in similar conditions.

Iowa fire code currently requires that all college residences are constructed with sprinklers, but that has not always been the case.

Newer dorms like Grossmann and Lohe are outfitted with sprinklers, while Founders was retrofitted with a

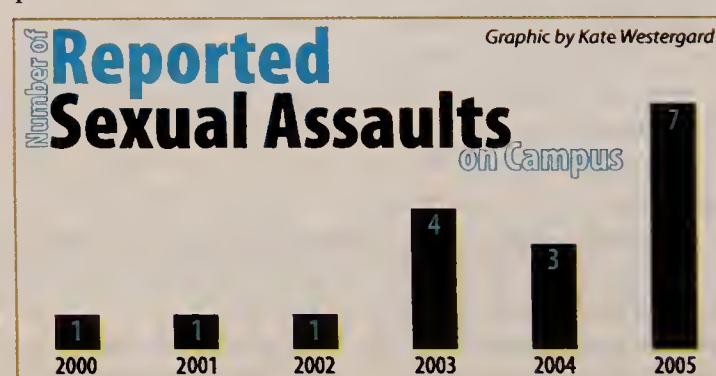
system after a renovation in the mid 1990s. Clinton, the Complex and the Manors do not have the systems, and only Saginaw House in Knights Village was large enough at the time of construction to require one.

A fraternity fire killed one student at Nebraska Wesleyan in November of last year. Sara Boatman, vice president

for student life at Wesleyan, feels that fire safety should be a priority for all colleges.

"We made a commitment just following the fire," Boatman said. "Private colleges are always struggling with how we can best use our resources for the good of the students."

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Lauren Chapin / MCT NEWS
Thousands of riders traverse the gentle terrain and rolling hills of Iowa for a week each summer on RAGBRAI.

Team Knight Riders joins RAGBRAI

MEKEA WILLIAMSON STAFF WRITER

Wartburg will participate in the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) as an official team for the first time.

The Wartburg Knight Riders plan to join people from across the nation to ride through parts of Iowa. An expected 25 to 30 participants will cycle across the state from July 22 to 28.

This is the 35th year of RAGBRAI, which has received media attention lately because of special guest cyclist Lance Armstrong, a seven-time Tour de France winner. Armstrong and his team Live Armstrong will return again for this year's celebration. Armstrong will ride the entire week instead of a few days, like last year.

Funds received from the seven-day ride will be given to

nonprofit Iowa programs and organizations after the tour's expenses are met.

According to the RAGBRAI Web site, RAGBRAI is the longest, largest and oldest touring bicycle ride in the world.

"This is a great way to get alums, parents and friends reconnected to Wartburg," said Kendra Kehe, co-organizer of the Wartburg Knight Riders.

Some students felt this would be a good way to support the school and do something interesting.

Kate Elliot said, "I think it's a really good opportunity for individuals to come together in this really unique experience."

Other students agree the experience would be nice, but suggest individuals should

start training for the ride as soon as possible.

"It's a good experience if you want to go, but you need to practice riding before going so not to become sore," said Valentina Vasileva.

Participants can visit www.ragbrai.org for information about safety and training guides for riding.

Spaces for the Wartburg Knight Riders are still available, but interested parties must register by April 1.

Contact Kehe by e-mail at kendra.kehe@wartburg.edu to join the team.

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Spiritual Emphasis Week aims for new outlook with tuxedo-clad guest

Highlights to include penguin, Ash Wednesday service, Mardi Gras party and concert by Seventh Day Slumber

CHELSEA DELONG STAFF WRITER

Spiritual Emphasis Week, sponsored by campus ministry, will take place Feb. 14 to 21.

The week is designed to increase students' spiritual awareness and is a tradition that dates back to the 60s, Pastor Larry Trachte said. Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 21, is always an integral part of the Spiritual Emphasis Week celebration, Trachte said.

"[It's when] we begin to contemplate Christ's suffering and death," he said. "The goal of the week is to deepen our awareness of and appreciation of the spirituality, faith and life of campus."

Wartburg promotes understanding with Black History Month activities

SNEHA PRADHAN STAFF WRITER

Wartburg is participating this month in the nation's 81-year-old tradition of celebrating black history.

The Black Student Union (BSU) has planned activities to raise awareness about how Black History Month is a time for everyone to learn about what African-Americans have contributed to society.

The importance of diversity on campus is also another part of Black History Month. Krystal Madlock, director of stu-

dent diversity programs, said being an African-American is just a part of diversity.

"I don't think anywhere is as diverse as it should be," Madlock said. "But I think Wartburg is trying to make strides to make sure that all students, faculty and staff feel comfortable on this campus. We are part of this community and we are trying to define what this community is here at Wartburg."

Black History Month began with a soul food dinner in the

Mensa with traditional food like ribs and chicken. BSU held an open house in the Hub with decorations and pictures of famous African-Americans.

Students expressed themselves at poetry night.

Students also will be going to an

African-American church.

Black history showcase, an event focusing on the history of music from traditional gos-

pel to blues, hip-hop and rap has been brought back after a couple of years. The showcase is scheduled at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Lyceum.

Next year BSU plans to spread black history-related activities throughout the year.

"People need to understand one another and not judge. All of them are special in their own ways," David Jeannot,

president-elect of BSU, said.

"Once a girl told me I was the coolest colored person she has met. It was not her fault. She didn't know."

Black History Month was initially called the Negro History Week, initiated by Harvard Scholar Carter G. Woodson. He noticed that African-Americans were not documented in history books and started the tradition of remembering their efforts.

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Security says current system is sufficient to protect students from fire

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The desire to install sprinklers is not universal. John Myers, director of campus security, feels that current protocols are sufficient, and that students can play the biggest part in keeping campus safe.

"The need is for fire safety," Myers said. "What you do in a building of 360 people affects the others."

"Sprinklers are important, and if we can put them in, that's great, but we have procedures in place. The most important thing would be for people to leave the building, and the alarm sys-

tem would handle that."

Myers said that the majority of the cost of adding sprinklers to the older dorms on campus would be asbestos removal.

"It's very expensive to retrofit an existing facility," Boatman said. Wesleyan has completed one renovation at a cost

of \$60,000.

For now, the college has no plans to install any new sprinklers.

"We will do whatever the law tells us to do," Myers said.

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Editorial

Security may not be enough; cameras may be needed

Student cars in N-Lot were vandalized during the weekend. This is the second time this academic year that an incident like this has occurred.

Vandalism also happened last year, when more than 20 cars were damaged across several campus parking lots.

Some cases of car damage involve theft, which makes sense. The broken windows are a means to an end for would-be robbers.

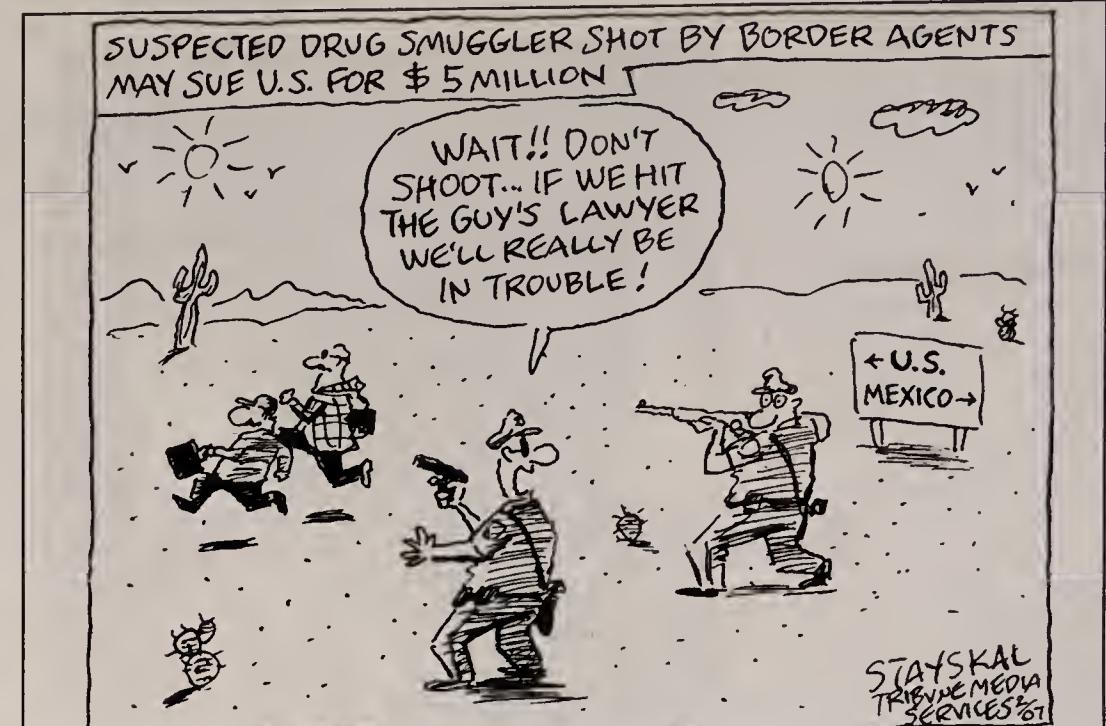
However, when mirrors are snapped off, paint jobs keyed and windows smashed but not broken into, the acts smacks of reckless, gratuitous violence performed for a thrill. It is depressing that, as a campus, incidents like this occur in the midst of what should be a group of burgeoning adults.

Perhaps it is time for campus security to consider installing security cameras in the more vulnerable locations or increasing the number of nightly patrols. Students have an expectation that they are safe on campus, and Wartburg should do everything in its power to ensure that safety.

This is obviously not campus security's fault, but one wonders what it will take to keep juvenile vandals from destroying property that does not belong to them for no apparent reason.

A campus camera system would be a costly investment to stop the damage, but the peace of mind afforded students, especially those poor souls wandering all the way out to the very end of D-Lot in the middle of the night, could very well be worth the price.

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Letters to the Editor

Service trips about more than just hard labor

Last week's editorial on service trips oversimplified the issues and assumed too much.

Clearly there are many people in Iowa in need of help that could be reached by service trips, and many are reached through Wartburg's events. However, the issue isn't as simple as finding people that need help and "helping" them.

Wartburg's service-learning trips are about immersing students in challenging environments where they can serve — and learn.

It is irresponsible to assume that Wartburg students sign up

for service trips just to travel. Each trip addresses a different area of need, and there are important experiences that Iowa just cannot provide, e.g. experience in an urban setting.

It is vital to understand that the focus is not on fixing all of the problems in one week. It would be arrogant to think that we could. The point is to serve, but obviously the problems are far deeper than the symptoms these trips work to address that week.

The learning that takes place is essential. By learning about the root issues of social injus-

tice, Wartburg students view the world from new, cultivated perspectives. It's the decisions we make in our daily lives and the messages we send to elected leaders based on a deeper understanding of the core issues that have the power to make profound change.

If the sole impression made from service events on the world is during time on-site, then we are failing to connect with people and the issues.

I hope we do better than that.

Tyler Vachta '08

Mirren wins an 'Alan,' even if Oscar isn't available

ALAN SIMMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Oh, the Oscars.

One could call them a complete waste of time, and one might be right. But I follow them just the same.



Here's a rather amateur critic's look at how the major races will play out this year.

Best Picture:

"The Queen" should take home this prize for its stellar dramatization of the events surrounding Princess Diana's

death.

However, sentiment for the Queen herself won't swing a lot of votes on this side of the pond, so expect this to go to "The Departed," with "Little Miss Sunshine" as the outside shot.

Best Actor:

Forest Whitaker has been taking home trophy after trophy for his work in "The Last King of Scotland."

Who is he? No clue.

Does that matter? Not really.

It would be great to see Peter O'Toole win this one for "Ve-

nus," though, because Lawrence of Arabia has never won an Oscar before, and he's the dark horse who could upset Whitaker at the finish line.

Best Actress:

Helen Mirren.

There's really no arguing it. The dame portrays Queen Elizabeth II so perfectly and with such nuance that she is as close to a virtual lock as one can get, even against Meryl Streep and Dame Judi Dench.

I may be surprised on the 25th. You never know.

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New holiday to acknowledge work of resident assistants needed

LAURA GREVAS NEWS EDITOR

I am not afraid to admit it: I am a single gal who likes Valentine's Day.



Yes, commercialism has corrupted the holiday, but who could argue with a day that involves eating chocolate?

Speaking of holidays designed to profess love, I would like to suggest a new one: In-

ternational Hug an RA Day.

Resident assistants have one of the most thankless jobs on campus, and this year I joined their ranks. Apparently it's not all free rooms and playing with construction paper. It is a LOT of work.

Between meetings, bulletin boards, door decorations, planning floor "community builders," being on duty and dealing with various problems that arise, I would guess I spend as many as 30 hours a

week on RA-related activities.

Oh, and no one likes me anymore. Well, OK, I still have friends, but definitely none when I have to go knock on someone's door at 2 a.m. to tell them to quiet down, quit drinking and go to bed.

I also love some of the looks I get now. I am barely 5'2" but all of a sudden I am an intimidating authority figure.

I have a secret: Your nervous/guilty/scared looks give it all away. It's OK, I've done it

myself.

But here's another secret: I'm not out to get you. Most of us aren't.

We're just trying to live our lives and make sure people are safe and, you know, doing legal activities.

While we are waiting for people to stop by our often-under attended floor activities, other students are doing something productive.

While other students are sauntering jovially back from

the bars, we are out on rounds in the freezing cold while some guy urinating in a bush yells obscenities at us.

Yes, it has happened. And that's where my new day comes in.

Your RAs are human, they are working hard and doing the best they can, and maybe, just maybe, they need a hug.

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Local **Briefs****Trumpet on vacation**

The Trumpet will return with a new issue on Feb. 27.

Interviews planned

The Pathways Center is sponsoring a mock interview day Tuesday, March 13. Area employers will interview students and give a critique. Contact Pathways at Ext. 8330 to sign up for a time.

Nominations accepted

Applications for student leadership awards, given to students or organizations that demonstrate outstanding commitment to leadership and service, are now available in the student life office. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 16.

Concert dinner set

The Wartburg Community Symphony will host a punch reception and dinner at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. The dinner will precede the "Heartstrings" concert at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Career fair to be held

A career, internship and summer camp fair is planned for 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Knights Ballroom of the Student Center. No registration is required.

Survilla joins center

Paula Survilla, associate professor of music/ethnomusicology, has accepted the position of associate executive director of the Center for Belarusian Studies.

TARA LEWIN OP/ED EDITOR

The Projects for Peace committee has chosen one proposal to be submitted for selection for one of 100 \$10,000 prizes.

Alliance's proposal includes a walk from Wartburg to Des Moines to promote social equality for gays and lesbians.

Leo Sweeting, Laura Baker and Sara Jones have rallied support for their proposal, "A Walk for Peace and Inclusion." Their proposal focuses on the desire of Alliance that discrimination based on sexual orientation in the institutionalized systems of Iowa be exposed and eradicated.

"I think the very idea of 100 Projects for Peace is a great and opportunistic way in which to elicit future student advocates for social justice," Sweeting said. "I saw an opportunity to make my dreams and desire to



Roland Ferrie/Trumpet

Rockin' the 80s

The Wartburg Dance Team did the annual co-ed dance at halftime during both basketball games Saturday to a montage of 80s hits.

Vagina monologues successful
Production helps raise money for abuse center

WHITNEY FREE STAFF WRITER

Wartburg's production of the Vagina Monologues and the related V-Day campaign raised more than \$2,500 to be donated to Seeds of Hope in Grundy Center.

The show attracted approximately 500 people between the public showing Thursday and the private showing Friday.

V-Day organizer Sonci Kingery is very happy with the way the campaign went.

"It couldn't have gone any

better," Kingery said. "For the first time ever doing this, we really knew what we were doing and pulled it off. I'm really proud."

Seeds of Hope is an abuse assistance center that shelters abuse victims and educates them and the public about handling domestic violence.

Send an e-mail to vday.wartburg@gmail.com to donate to the V-Day campaign or to get more information.

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Wartburg makes final three selections for 100 Projects for Peace

foster peace and expose social inequities, so I took it."

100 Projects for Peace is an invitation for undergraduate students at any of the 76 American colleges and universities in the Davis United World College Scholars Program.

According to their Web site, www.kwd100projectsforpeace.org, the objective of the program is to "encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace in the 21st century."

Dan Kittle, head of the selection committee, said he was impressed by all seven submissions to the project.

"All of the proposals should be recognized and celebrated," Kittle said. "They were all thought through, and the selection was difficult because of the high quality of proposals."

Kittle said the Alliance submission was chosen as the top

entry because the proposal addressed the issue of sustainability once the project is completed, and the leaders of the group had clear intended outcomes.

"They have such a strong leadership presence on campus," Kittle said. "Overall, we were just encouraged by the amount of interest in the project."

Each proposal submitted to the committee was designed to help build peace in the world.

Commonalities among all entries included the identification of an important issue of social concern, creative thinking to address the problem or issue and the raising of awareness among the Wartburg community and the greater community.

Two more proposals will be selected for submission to the UWC Davis Scholars Program. Pending final review of the Da-

ELCA sexuality study aims to gauge beliefs

JACKIE MANTERNACH STAFF WRITER

Wartburg will be conducting an ELCA sexuality study for the next six weeks.

The ELCA study will be set up in a discussion format. The study was originally made for congregations, but organizers have adapted it for the student body of the college.

The study begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday and continues every Wednesday night after that except during GAYLA Week and winter break.

"We're looking to see how people feel about sexuality and various parts of culture," Laura Baker, one of the discussion leaders, said. "At the end of the survey, people will fill out reflection forms about what they think about the survey, what they think about the discussions and what they learned from the study."

Discussion leaders will give brief summaries about what's going on to get conversation flowing. There will be a large group discussion, and then the groups will break up for small discussions.

The results will be sent to the ELCA office, which will compile the results and send them back.

The six discussions will include an informational opening; discussion of various topics, including "Culture and Freedom," "Sexuality and Social Institutions," "Sexuality, Power and Abuse" and "Sexuality, Money and the Bottom Line;" and will end with a summary.

Four discussion groups will be conducted by organizers Beau Nelson, Laura Baker, Sonci Kingery, Rachel Hartz and Pastor Ramona Bouzard. Pastor Larry Trachte will lead opening and closing discussions.

The study discussion groups are scheduled to take place in the McCoy rooms.

If a large number of participants attend, the study will be moved to the Chapel Commons.

Despite being affiliated with the ELCA, the discussions will not be religious, apart from some religious references in the opening. After that, the religious aspects will be moved to a supplementary Bible study led by student organizer Beau Nelson.

"The Bible study is just for the people who want to make connections with biblical texts and what we talked about," Baker said. "In the actual discussion nights, we won't be talking about the Bible. We won't be citing verses or anything."

The organizers of the study will also be showing a film, "Killing Us Softly," by Jean Killarine. The film will be shown before the "Sexuality, Money and the Bottom Line" discussion, which is about how sexuality is used in media and consumerism.

A few clips of the movie also will be shown on the night of the discussion.

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graduate international students, especially those from countries in which United World College schools reside," Waldstein said.

The project is made possible by Kathryn Wasserman Davis, mother of Shelby M.C. Davis who funds the Davis UWC Scholars Program. She has chosen to celebrate her 100th birthday by committing \$1 million for 100 Projects for Peace.

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Student elections Tuesday; student input sought

KACI HANSON STAFF WRITER

The election for the Student Senate executive team will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Feb. 19, a "meet the candidates" event will take place throughout the day in the Konditorei with all presidential and vice presidential can-

didates.

A debate will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the ballrooms. The debate will be televised, and questions will be asked by students and a panel of student media.

There are no candidates for recorder this year, so the

newly-elected president and vice president will appoint one with approval by the Senate.

Jon Palmquist, the student body vice president, is one of five senators on the election committee planning the election and surrounding events.

Palmquist said a stronger

emphasis is placed on publicizing the event compared with past years, and the voting system has undergone some critiquing for efficiency.

"All of the tickets have great enthusiasm and passion for representing students," Palmquist said. "Each ticket

offers very different strengths.

"Go to the debates. Listen to what the candidates have to say. Students, while making a decision, should consider each ticket on the basis of issues, strength of character and Senate experience."

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Hoeg emphasizes knowledge

I believe that I would bring a lot to the table if elected as treasurer.

I already have two years of experience in Student Senate. During that time I have learned how the budgeting process works and

even worked to improve that process by working on several budget manual amendments.

I believe that Student Senate's funds should be used to directly benefit as many people as possible on Wartburg's campus. Wartburg costs a lot of money to attend, and as treasurer I hope to give as much back as possible.

Crouse cites need for reviews

As a candidate for student body treasurer I plan to:

Use all resources available to prepare an effective budget to support as many relevant

manual, but pass that knowledge on to other senators so that decisions can be properly made without recurring discussions each week.

Meet with others to discuss revisions to budget review process that will better enable the committee to do its job.

Work with underclass students to prepare them for the future success of Senate at Wartburg.

Borchers brings experience

I am honored to have been able to serve the student body for one year and would relish the privilege of serving for another.

candidate to get the job done again.

I can now offer my experience as one thing that can't be matched by my opponents.

I have worked this year to reform and improve the funding guidelines while seeking to maximize the amount of funding that Senate can do. I vow to continue to do these things if elected once again.

I have worked hard fulfilling the responsibilities of treasurer and believe that I am the best

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Cassmann, Engh advocate credit for labs



Approachability, awareness and activity are essential for communication and interaction with the student body.

Senators under our watch will be held accountable by a restructured representation across campus and a decrease in total senators. The awareness of Senate offerings will be

promoted through a new emphasis on electronic communication as opposed to relying on the Senate boards across campus.

Finally, a smaller Senate will help us ensure that Senate remains active and serves the students who voted them into their positions.

The foremost task on our agenda is advocating a system for housing sign-up that would give phantom credits to students taking labs or doing field experience.



Ellen Engh

Another pursuit is bringing back a centralized student lounge, formally known as Knight's Lair.

It is important to vote in this election, and seniors are still allowed to vote. We have worked as a team for 3 years, and we are determined to do this job.

Schutte, Kampman say Senate is powerful



We are running with the slogan "It's about you".

This is exactly what we are about, the students. We want to truly represent the student body.

We will improve communication, further the support

and representation of students through Student Senate, promote diversity and find answers to students' questions.

Student Senate is the best place to start. Senate can be a powerful tool for students and should be utilized.

We will use the time in Senate to focus on a wide range of student issues. We will work together with the entire campus to find out answers to



Lia Kampman

questions such as, "Where does our tuition go?" to the best of our ability.

Our work in Senate will be passed on through personal communication, the Page and Senate update e-mails.

Benson, Swanson decry value of buttons



During this campaign, we have made a lot of posters and buttons. You have seen them around and been intrigued, impressed or maybe annoyed.

The truth is buttons and posters are not what this campaign is about; it's about the

issues.

It's about serving the people. It's about who will serve you best long after the posters and the buttons are lost.

Our platform is based on tangible ideas and achievable results that will improve the Wartburg community.

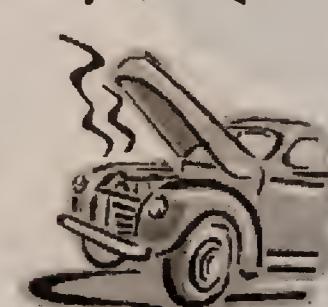
Utilizing our experience, we will strengthen the ties that bond together students, Student Senate and the admin-



Andy Swanson

istration; we will improve handicap accessibility at Wartburg; and we will introduce a campus beautification program, giving you the power to help improve where you live.

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"It's a nice excuse to be a little more romantic for a day."

- Amy Leggett



"Friends can be valentines even when you're single."

- Liz Leier



"Guys should treat their girlfriends well every day."

- Erin Jontz



"It's a wake-up call to check into the 'Heart-Break Hotel.'"

- Tyler Hunt



"It's great to show the people you love just how much you love them."

- Chris Chappell

Love is

Happy Vale

The flowers.
The chocolate.
The cards.
The heart-shaped balloons.
The consumerism?

Few occasions inspire such dedication and revulsion as Valentine's Day.

Most people honor St. Valentine with gifts and cards to family, friends and their significant other. Others, however, want no part of a day dedicated to romantic love.

The erstwhile V-Day can turn friend against friend, lover against lover. To celebrate or not to celebrate: That is the question.

Complaints abound that Valentine's Day has been wholly manufactured by the floral, candy and greeting card industries.

With nearly 200 million roses, eight billion conversation hearts and one billion cards purchased last year, that may

not be too far-fetched.

According to a study conducted by the National Retail Federation, the average person will spend \$119.67 this year, \$80 of that on his or her significant other. Males will spend around \$150, while females are expected to drop around \$85 total.

When the heart-shaped confetti settles, consumers are expected to have splurged on more than \$16 billion worth of goods.

Dating tips for one

Love celebrating Valentine's Day, but found yourself alone this year? Here are some tips to get you back in the game in time for a romantic dinner.

- ♥ Women: Even if you know what it is, go to a hardware store and ask a guy about a random tool.
- ♥ Men: Try the grocery store. Act confused about what pineapples are, then seek help from a knowledgeable-looking woman.
- ♥ Drop the pick-up lines. They aren't doing you any favors.
- ♥ When chatting someone up, don't mention that you've been stalking them on Facebook for the last week.
- ♥ One drink might loosen you up a little, but four is too many. Drool is not an attractive feature.
- ♥ Make sure your hygiene, especially oral, is top-notch. No one wants to make out with bad breath.
- ♥ Go easy on cologne and perfume. No one should smell you enter the room.
- ♥ Go online to sites like eHarmony.com, match.com and OKCupid.com to see if a machine can help you.

Date ideas for two

It's hard to come up with original ideas for a big date, but putting fresh spins on old classics should give you the perfect night out.

- ♥ Take your sweetie back to your first date. Wear the same outfit and meet at the same place.
- ♥ Dining out is always a good option. Area restaurants like the Montage, Bourbon Street, The Brown Bottle and The Broom Factory are classy choices.
- ♥ A little more pragmatic? Go on a practical date, like grocery shopping or picking up your dry cleaning.
- ♥ Catch a romantic movie like "Because I Said So" and "Music and Lyrics," or hold each other during the scarier scenes of "The Messengers" and "Hannibal Rising."
- ♥ Throw on your heaviest winter coat, grab a sleeping bag and go stargazing, keeping each other warm.
- ♥ Prepare a romantic, candlelit meal. If you aren't adept in the kitchen, head down to Everyone's A Chef and let them do the dirty work.
- ♥ Take advantage of Iowa winters and have some fun in the snow. Make a snowman, go tubing and have a snowball fight before heading home to warm up with a cup of hot cocoa.

Are you sappy or just sad? Use the Valentine's Day Roman Numeral Scale to find out.

10

You do dinner, gifts, flowers, chocolates and romantic sonnets in the moonlight. It doesn't get more romantic than this.

9

Dinner is mandatory, and s/he can probably expect a nice surprise at work.

8

You trade gifts, but opt for something thoughtful instead of something pricey.

7

The two of you might catch a movie or go out on the town, but dressing up is optional.

6

You say "I love you" and share a sweet kiss, but that's nothing out of the norm.

Valentine's Day

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Yet this isn't all engineered by crafty businesses. Valentine's Day was a popular holiday even before Hallmark was founded, so they can't take all the credit.

Valentines have been exchanged for 1500 years. The first written valentines began to appear when literacy became widespread during the Renaissance.

The British brought the modern greeting card into vogue, however. In Victorian society,

the expression of feelings was highly frowned upon, so those cheesy sentiments found on today's cards were ideal for getting one's point across to the recipient.

For some people, neither the supposed excess nor the history matter: It's all about relationship status.

Singles can feel confronted at every corner by couples making eyes at each other, pounding home the newsflash that they

are still very much alone. Simply having someone can make or break the occasion.

Whether you're spoken for or still searching, sick of pink or soaking it up, here are some ideas to kick off Valentine's Day the right way.

Hate It?

Alternatives to love

If you're single and can't stand trudging your way through another Feb. 14 full of happy couples making eyes at each other, kick back and be as anti-V-Day as you'd like.

- Had your eye on a new pair of shoes or the latest video game? Treat yourself.
- Make chocolate soufflé or cake and then eat it all. You deserve it.
- Buy a gossip magazine and read about the newest celebrity divorce; feel justified in still being single.
- Go out to dinner with friends at a fast-food joint, and then laugh at all the money couples are blowing on "nice" dinners.
- Baby-sit for a couple you know. Be reminded that you're so not ready for kids.
- Recently dumped? Burn gifts, photos and other mementos of your ex. Have fire extinguisher on hand.
- Send all your friends anti-Valentine's Day cards off the Internet.
- Rent movies like "Saving Private Ryan" that have no love stories in them. The more people getting blown up, the better.

ntic-ometer to find out if you rate burning hot or icy cold.

5

You buy a card from the bargain bin on the way home from work because you forgot until your coworkers started getting bouquets.

4

You start to make a romantic dinner but think of all the dirty dishes you'll have to do and call for pizza instead.

3

You think about shaving, then decide against it.

2

There's a party at your house, and the theme is "Death to Cupid."

1

You wear all black, and every time people wish you "Happy Valentine's Day," you begin sobbing just to scare them off.

Romantic-ometer



"It's a big day by the flower shops so they can make money."

- Jason Lansing



"It gives me an excuse to...do nice things for my lover."

- Ben Dau



"To be honest. I'm not a big fan."

- Megan Roland



"Valentine's Day is a pathetic Hallmark holiday."

- Erica Schierholz



"It's a day like every other day. It's nothing out of the ordinary for me."

- Katelyn Hemingson

Fiddler soon to 'enrich' students

KRISTAL FOWLER MANAGING EDITOR

The classic Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15, 16 and 17 on the stage of the McCaskey Lyceum.

The story of Tevye, Golde and their five daughters living in Anatevka, Russia, shortly after the turn of the 20th century is well known from the successful musical and the 1971 film adaptation directed by Norman Jewison.

William Earl, director of the Wartburg Players, said the musical has been slightly more complex than other productions produced in the past.

Although the cast is not large for a musical, it is more extensive than most other productions presented at Wartburg.

Earl was impressed with the efforts of those who perform

lead roles.

"They've been wonderful," he said. "They've worked hard. They've really gotten into the roles. They're doing top notch work."

Despite the hard work of most people involved, Earl was somewhat pessimistic about the possibility of putting on more full-scale musicals in the future. Earl had a hard time keeping a full cast, with some people dropping out as late as Friday.

The logistics of staging "Fiddler" were also complicated because several dance numbers needed to be choreographed and learned by members of the chorus.

Earl turned to Kinetic Energy of Waverly to help choreograph the dances. Members of the cast worked with the choreographer several times to

learn steps.

Sally Malcolm, administrative assistant to the dean of faculty, was cast in the role of the Fiddler. Malcolm studied viola when she was younger and also plays violin.

"I'm terrified of heights," Malcolm said. Despite this she is looking forward to opening night.

Malcolm does have some relevant experience. She believes Earl decided to cast her when she told him she had once played on the roof of a building while in high school, and could empathize with the fiddler.

"It's been really, really great. Both Dr. Earl and Dr. Pfaltzgraff really know what they're doing," Malcolm said.

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Roland Ferrie/Trumpet

Rachel Vickers, as Golde, and Steve Hennigs, as Tevye, rehearse for "Fiddler on the Roof" opening Thursday.

Student exhibits courage in fight against recurring cancer

PAM RODGERS STAFF WRITER

It began with pain.

In 2003 during his senior year of high school, Jay Balek encountered his first struggle against a scary and exhausting disease. Balek, who lived in Mason City, Iowa, was an active high school student when he first became ill.

It began with migraines, which led Balek to believe something was wrong with his eyes. After a visit to the optometrist, major swelling was found in Balek's optic nerves. The doctor scheduled an MRI for him the next day.

"After the MRI, I was waiting outside, and my mom came up to me crying. She sat down next to me and said that the doctors had found a lesion and they didn't know if it was malignant or benign yet," Balek recalls.

A lesion is any abnormal tissue found on or in an organism, usually damaged by disease or trauma. This tissue usually has a high probability of being cancerous.

"I was in shock and pretty numb for a few hours," Balek said.

Balek was immediately scheduled for surgery. The surgery showed that the lesion was malignant, but the surgeons were able to remove it.

Although Balek made it through surgery, trouble still lurked in his future. Balek graduated from Mason City High School and enrolled at Wartburg.

His first three semesters at Wartburg came and went uneventfully. Balek met Lauren Semler during a Meistersinger Scholarship day at the beginning of his Wartburg career. Balek and Semler started a re-

lationship, and she became a very important part of his life.

Life for Balek was going great until one night during Winter Term of his sophomore year. Balek was home from college visiting his parents. While he was sleeping, he woke up and had a grand mal seizure. After the episode,

he fell back to sleep, unconscious.

"When I woke up the next morning, I just thought it had been a dream, but when I went downstairs, my muscles were really sore," Balek said.

He immediately told his mother, and she rushed him to the emergency room.

"I was put on two types of anti-seizure medication and went on with my life at Wartburg."

Although Balek was treated for his seizures, the real disaster was just around the corner.

While on the yearly tour for the Wind Ensemble, Balek

began having several speech arrest seizures, hindering his ability to talk.

He informed his band director, Craig Hancock, who had the bus make an emergency stop at Eau Claire, Wis., where Balek was admitted into a hospital. Five hours later, his mom

arrived and drove him back to Mason City to be treated by his doctors there.

"The doctors didn't know what was wrong with me," Balek said.

He was sent to a specialist at the Mayo Clinic where he underwent two more emergency brain surgeries to remove the persistent tumor. He stayed at the Mayo clinic for a week under close observation.

He then went through eight weeks of radiation therapy and completed six months of chemotherapy, which was not easy on Balek. He dealt with nausea, muscle soreness, migraines

and other discomforts.

"I also had to work much harder on homework because I always felt fatigued," Balek said.

Balek was able to return to Wartburg for his junior year. Now in his senior year, Balek is cancer free and set to graduate in May with a degree in business. He is looking to the future and searching for a job in marketing at an advertising agency. He is also busy planning his July wedding to Semler.

"Lauren has been with me through thick and thin. She has been my rock. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for her," he declared.

Balek offers this advice for others struggling with similar diseases: Be hopeful.

"Anything that doesn't kill you can only make you stronger," Balek said. "Never stop fighting. Remember to appreciate the little things and cherish every day that you are alive."

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Mother infuriated after dumping breast milk

Unclear airport security bans on liquids create confusion and headaches for breast-feeding mothers

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A woman who was forced to throw away her breast milk at an airport this month is fighting to change the way nursing mothers are treated in the changing world of high-security travel.

Airport security agents in Las Vegas earlier this month banned Rachel Popplewell of Capistrano Beach, Calif., from bringing her breast milk on a flight to California because she didn't have her baby with her.

Popplewell, who says she followed all the rules for bringing liquids on a plane, sent a written complaint to the Transportation Security Administration, which oversees airport screening.

"You should be allowed to carry it, and you should be treated like a human being who is feeding your child," Popplewell said.

A spokesman for the federal agency said he had not seen a record of the incident.

"If she had exactly what was required, I don't understand what happened," Nico Melendez said. "It should not have happened. Please accept our apology."

Popplewell, a marketing director, flew to Las Vegas for a one-day business trip to a footwear trade show. While there, she used her breast pump to collect six ounces of milk, which she planned to bring

home to her 9-month-old son, Mason.

Popplewell divided the milk into two 3-ounce bottles and placed the bottles in a zip-top plastic bag, as stipulated by security regulations. But when Popplewell, 40, told a screener at McCarran International Airport what was in the bottles, she was forced to throw her milk away.

The Transportation Security Administration has restricted carry-on liquids since summer after an incident in England alleged to have been a terrorism plot involving liquid explosives. Liquids must be in 3-ounce containers, which must be in plastic bags.

"If you put your liquid in your 3-ounce container, then you meet the requirements of transporting," spokesman Melendez said. "It could be shampoo, toothpaste or breast milk."

The agency will let a parent carry a larger container of breast milk or baby formula if the parent is traveling with a baby or a toddler.

But Popplewell was told — incorrectly, according to Transportation Security Administration officials — that she needed to have her baby even to carry on 3-ounce bottles of breast milk.

The agency's Web site states that to carry breast milk on a plane "you must be traveling



Leonard Ortiz/MCT NEWS

Rachel Popplewell, with her son Mason, is angered by unclear restrictions on the carriage of breast milk on board aircraft.

with a baby or toddler" but leaves out the fact that anyone can carry the milk in the appropriate small bottles, with or without a baby.

Popplewell says that if she had her baby with her, she wouldn't need to bring bottles at all.

The confusion has breast-feeding advocates criticizing the policy, which they say creates more headaches for a mother traveling without her child.

"That is probably one of the unfortunate circumstances of this liquid ban," Melendez said.

"There's no way for us to know what it is, or to verify that specific need, if there's not a baby with the person."

Popplewell, who has breast-fed all three of her children, said she was heartbroken and outraged at having to throw away her milk. Her meticulous planning, she said, made the loss even more frustrating.

Before leaving on the trip,

Popplewell bought a battery pack for her pump and consulted a lactation specialist on how to pump and carry milk while traveling. She then confirmed with John Wayne Airport security officials that she was doing everything the right way.

"I got the feeling that it depended on the TSA person you encountered," she said. "Anybody who knows anything about pumping knows this is ridiculous. A man must have written the rules or something."

Breast milk should receive the same exemptions that apply to blood or bone marrow, advocates say.

"If you are allowed to bring life-sustaining liquids on a plane, then breast milk needs to be considered in that category," said Kristie Holt, president of the Orange County Breast-feeding Coalition. "It's not like throwing away a Coke."

World Briefs

Putin rebukes U.S.

Russian President Vladimir Putin criticized America's foreign policy during an international security conference in Munich, saying the U.S. "has overstepped its national borders in every way."

Obama enters race

Illinois Senator Barack Obama officially entered the presidential race Saturday from the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., the site of Abraham Lincoln's "House Divided" speech. Obama laid out his agenda and emphasized his leadership qualities.

Reformists decry U.S.

Iranian reformists believe that the Bush administration is undercutting their efforts to bring about change in their country. They say the constant war-mongering only props up the corrupt government there.

Anna Nicole dies

Former reality star Anna Nicole Smith died Friday in a hotel in Florida. The contents of her room included several different kinds of prescription drugs, but cause of death has not yet been determined.

Iran supporting Iraq

Evidence has surfaced that Iran is supplying the deadliest weapons being used against U.S. soldiers in Iraq. The explosives are only being supplied to Shiites.

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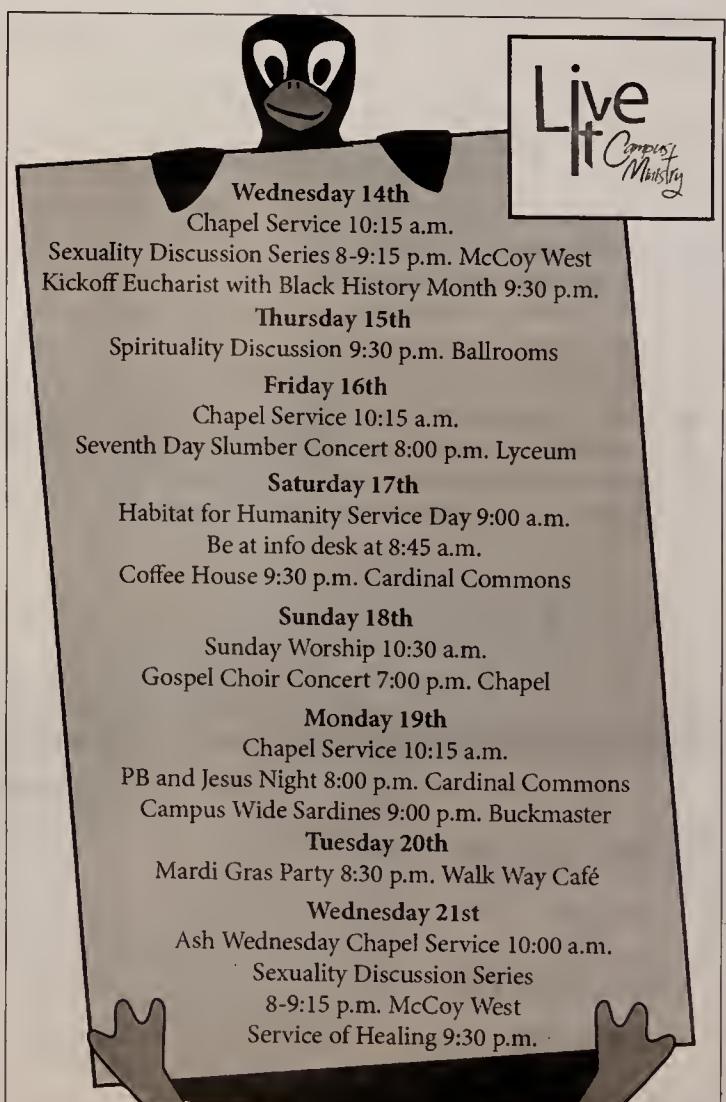
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Sports Briefs**Burrell earns honor**

Wartburg basketball player LaToshia Burrell was named to the third team academic all-District VII women's basketball team by ESPN The Magazine and CoSida Thursday, Feb. 8. Burrell is a fitness management major and carries a 3.905 GPA.

Sprinter athlete of week

Freshman sprinter Hannah Baker was named the Iowa Conference overall athlete of the week Feb. 5. Baker recorded an NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.87 seconds. Baker also led off the provisionally qualifying 4x400 relay team at the Minnesota State-Mankato Open.

IIAC wrestler of week

Sophomore wrestler Aaron Wernimont was named Iowa Conference wrestling athlete of the week Feb. 5. Wernimont, ranked No. 4 at 157 pounds, went 2-0 during the week, taking a technical fall against the nation's No. 5 wrestler from Cornell and a 4-2 decision against the No. 1 ranked Augsburg wrestler.

Regular season over

The men's and women's regular basketball seasons concluded Saturday. The women have clinched a spot in the Iowa Conference Tournament. The men will wait through a bye week to see if they receive a berth in the tournament. Pairings will be announced Saturday.

Football schedule

The Wartburg football team announced their 2007 schedule Thursday. Key match-ups for the Knights include non-conference games against Monmouth and Augsburg. The Knights will host Coe for Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 20. Wartburg also hosts Central in the last week of the regular season.

Trainers go beyond the ice and tape

Wartburg athletes treated well

PAM RODGERS STAFF WRITER

These people work in tight quarters and their fragrance is the leathery smell of athletic tape.

Their music is the crunching of ice followed by the crinkling of plastic as the ice slips down the side. Their entertainment is watching the water fill the metal whirlpool, heating to perfection before it's used.

Wartburg athletics is proud to call these people their training staff.

It's not easy being a trainer. The job is filled with new and different situations, usually involving injured athletes.

"There is no typical day," assistant athletic trainer Lindsay Granner says about days spent in the training room. "You never know what is going to come in the door."

Despite the different and unusual types of the injuries, head athletic trainer, Tim Koberna, keeps a steady focus for Wartburg's training staff.

"Athletic training is a service oriented industry. We want to win like coaches and athletes, but the focus is on health and safety of athletic students," Koberna said.

Despite the unpredictability of injuries, the trainers are able to keep a consistent schedule. The training room doors open at 9 a.m. to allow injured athletes to receive any kind of

treatment they need.

The full staff is present during these hours. Treatments vary per case but often range from ice or heat treatments to whirlpool soaks to rehabilitation for a healing injury.

The trainers close up shop at noon for lunch and relaxation, then reopen their doors at 1:30 p.m. to focus on athletes in season preparing for practice or games.

When 3 p.m. rolls around, the trainers switch gears and prepare for practices. Ice bags are made and put in coolers, and travel packs are put together to include tape, medicine and other supplies.

From there, the trainers depart with their supplies to various sport practices to be available should an injury occur during the practices. Afterwards, the trainers treat any post-practice injuries and check-in with recovering injury athletes.

As soon as the last athlete completes his or her treatment, the trainers break down the training room. Unused ice is dumped, heating machines are turned off, the whirlpool is drained and the supplies are neatly put away into cabinets.

The training staff is headed by Koberna and Granner. Others on the staff include graduate assistants Randi Mehmen and Tyler Nations. In addition,



Roland Ferrie/Trumpet

Lindsay Granner waits on the end of the bench in case of an injury.

tion, there are three Wartburg student trainers: Jenna Dens-
tad, Chris Carlson and Aaron Timm.

Granner's favorite part of being a trainer is having the opportunity to see an injured athlete begin to compete again.

"Seeing the athletes succeed on the court after being injured is the greatest reward you can have," Granner said.

Wartburg is also a clinical sight for the University of Northern Iowa's training program. This gives UNI students the opportunity to work in a real training room environment. Wartburg will host 20 student trainers from this program throughout the course of the year.

Koberna and the rest of the training staff are looking forward to the new health and wellness center opening next fall. Currently, the training room is being run out of a house near campus.

"The new facility will provide a number of health care resources, but now we are still able to provide the quality of health care we want, just not in the ideal facility," Koberna said.

A trainer's work is never done, but the excitement they get to experience as a part of a team is worth the many hours they work.

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Team wins three of last four, loses three seniors

FROM PAGE 12

any guy in our program is that he can go up in traffic and rip down rebounds."

After falling to Central 88-73 on the road Friday night, the Knights came back to West Gym on Senior Day and downed the Cornell Rams 89-68.

Forward Nick Gullickson capped his senior campaign with a game-high 17-point performance, and Franzen led the rebounding charge for Wartburg with seven boards. In total, six Knights scored

in double figures.

The Knights lose three seniors to graduation this season, including Gullickson, James Menke and Ben Vogel. Peth commented on what the seniors meant to the Wartburg basketball program.

"They've been great assets to our program for the entire four years. They were great leaders both on and off the court," Peth said.

With the departure of the three seniors at the conclusion of the season, the team

is looking to its youth to carry the torch of Wartburg basketball.

"The experience that our team gained this year, with as young as we are, will really provide us with an opportunity to be a little further ahead than what we would normally," Peth said. "The ability to gain that game experience at a young age really speaks highly of those guys for the future."

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Wrestlers take win over BV

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The Wartburg wrestling team closed out the dual season with a 35-8 blowout win at home against No. 24 Buena Vista Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The team saw victories from Ben McCorriston (125 lbs.), third-ranked Jake Hely (133 lbs.), Adam Weber (149 lbs.), Dustin Jaeger (165 lbs.), Dan Schulte (174 lbs.), second-ranked Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.), second-ranked T.J. Miller (197 lbs.) and first-ranked Blake Gillis (Hwt.).

The Knights, ranked No. 2 in Div. III, came off a hard-fought victory over the No. 1-ranked Augies of Augsburg College prior to their final dual match last Tuesday night.

"I was worried a little about a letdown following the Augsburg meet, but for the most part it was a pretty good effort from our team," Head Coach Jim Miller said.

The win against Buena Vista gave the Knights a 21-1 record overall and an 8-0 record in the Iowa Conference.

The victory clinched another regular dual season conference title for Wartburg and pushed their consecutive conference dual win streak to 114.

"I think we have steadily improved as the year has gone on," Miller said.

Next up for the Knights is the Iowa Conference wrestling tournament, which takes place Thursday at the University of Dubuque's McCormick Gymnasium and the University of Dubuque field house. Wrestling is scheduled to

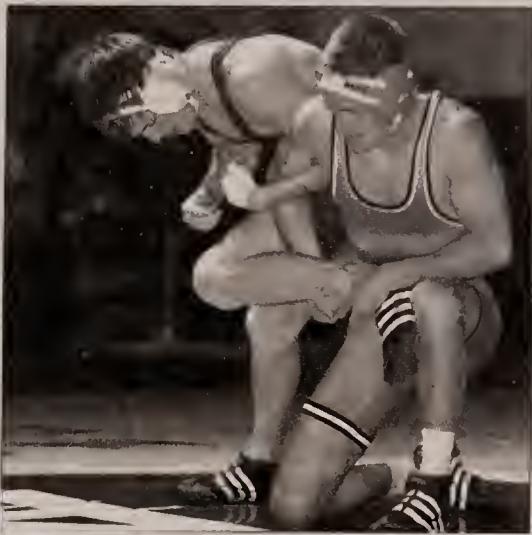
start at 10 a.m.

Wartburg is chasing its 15th consecutive conference title and 25th overall at the tournament.

Although considered the favorite for the title, the Knights are still working hard to improve before the IIAC tournament.

"We need to work on the little things that each guy needs to improve on," Miller said. "We need to stay focused and try to have a peak performance from each [wrestler]."

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Luke Shanno/TRUMPET/FILE PHOTO
Robert Struthers controls his Augsburg opponent.

Soccer star brings fame and talent to MLS

FROM PAGE 12

Galaxy is a cop-out for his dropping level of skill in Europe. The media thinks Beckham's just raking in more "Benjamins." According to him, the switch is just a new challenge to life.

Regardless, Beckham's arrival to the U.S. this summer should further open the doors to the growing popularity of soccer in America.

Much like Michael Jordan's influence in the NBA, Beckham's presence could help professional soccer in the United States reach that same caliber of media exposure and distinction.

Soccer fans may have to read fashion magazines to keep up with America's obsession for the celebrity family, but it may be worth the price to draw much needed attention to the rest of the world's love for fútbol.

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David Beckham

Signed a five-year contract with Los Angeles Galaxy worth an estimated \$250 million.

Born May 2, 1975 in Leytonstone, U.K.

Height 6 ft. (1.82 m)

Weight 163 lbs. (74 kg)

Family Married to Victoria (formerly Posh of Spice Girls pop group), three children

Career

Manchester United (1992-2003)

Preston North End, on loan (1994-95)

Real Madrid (2003-2007)

Los Angeles Galaxy

(August 2007)

Position Right wing, but occasionally offensive playmaker

Games, total 365* **Goals, total** 74*

*As of Jan. 11, 2007; current season ends June 2007

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Wartburg track and field jumps into national rankings

No. 7 women win Warhawk Classic; No. 15 men take fifth as teams combine for eight national qualifying performances

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The Wartburg track and field team competed in the Warhawk Classic hosted by the University of Whitewater this weekend. Against a number of ranked teams, the Wartburg men placed fifth and the women won the meet, combining for eight national qualifying performances.

Scoring 62.5 points, the Wartburg men finished behind four teams ranked in the top seven, beating No. 10 Augustana and No. 18 University of Chicago. In the first Div. III national poll released this year, the Knights are ranked 15th.

"We knew we would be getting some of the top competition in the country, and I thought we were ready for that," Head Coach Marcus Newsom said.

This weekend, the men provisionally qualified their first three events of the year. Mike Dana won the triple jump (46 feet, 5 1/2 inches), provisionally qualifying and breaking the school record by over four inches.

"The triple jump was my first event, so it was nice to jump with fresh legs," Dana said. "And [breaking the school record] was a goal I had set at the beginning of the year."

In the mile run, Andy Hodge placed second en route to his first provisional time of his career, running 4:15.69.

"I knew there were some fast guys in my heat, so I let them pull me along, and I ended up running a ten-second [per-

sonal best]," Hodge said.

"Hodge has just been on fire," Newsom said. "He's such a competitor, and it makes other people step up watching that."

Also provisionally qualifying was Warren Batiste in the 55-meter dash. His time of 6.48

placed second by .01 second.

"This could be one of our best men's teams across the board,"

Newsom said. "Our entire team is strong and we've never had that balance."

The No. 7 Wartburg women scored 134 points, beating second place UW-La Crosse by 15. The women beat several other ranked teams, including top-ranked UW-Oshkosh, No. 8 Augustana (Ill.), No. 9 North Central (Ill.), and Div. II No.

19 UW-Parkside.

"To win in a high-caliber meet like this was great," Newsom said. "There were a lot of great performances, and one of the most impressive was Jessica Bates."

Bates bettered her provisionally qualifying marks in the shot put and the weight throw. Her third-place toss of 42-6 3/4 in the shot put was a four-inch improvement and her fifth-place throw of 52-2 was an 11-inch improvement.

"Those were huge [personal bests] for Bates," Newsom said. "She's learning to be more patient and her technique is more sound. She's showing a lot of maturity."

In the 4x400-meter relay, the women turned in their first automatic qualifying time of the year. The winning 4x400 team of Hannah Baker, Bridg-

et Burns, Jenny Kordick and Chelsey Jacobs qualified in 3:53.16.

Also qualifying was the distance medley team of Jennifer Kuiken, Rachel Brincks, Heidi Porter and Jill Wagaman, finishing second in 12:05.70. Wagaman also won the 3,000 in 10:24.69, turning in the top time so far in the IIAC. Porter qualified in the 800 (second, 2:16.06) and is a two time All-American in the event.

"Heidi [Porter] has been sick, and qualified in the 800 after already competing in the distance medley relay, so that was really impressive," Newsom said.

Friday, Wartburg will compete at the Iowa Invite, hosted by the University of Iowa.

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 Thursday in Dubuque 10 a.m.
 Track at University of Iowa Fri.
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 Tennis at Monmouth Sat. vs.
 Wheaton noon Monmouth 3 p.m.

February 13, 2007

KNIGHTS EYE CONFERENCE TOURNEY BERTH



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Cashes Mason focuses intently while playing defense.

AUSTIN DRAUDE STAFF WRITER

After winning three out of their last four games, the Knights carry a final conference record of 5-11 into a bye week, hanging on to their conference tournament hopes by a fingernail.

"Our season may not be over yet. We are going to be practicing again on Tuesday," Head Coach Dick Peth said, commenting on the teams' chance of a playoff berth.

With Wartburg's 71-59 win over previously undefeated Loras, the Knights proved they can compete with the best.

The Knights' chance of a playoff berth rests on outside forces. If the University of Dubuque would lose their next two games, the Spartans would find themselves in a tie with the Knights for the last playoff spot.

With equal records, the spot would go to the winner of the tiebreaker, which takes into account how the teams fared against the top conference teams. The Wartburg win against the Duhawks would give them the tiebreaker edge over the Spartans, who lost to Loras twice during the regular season.

Lee Nelson had a strong night against the Duhawks, going 6-of-10 from outside and raking in 24 points for Wartburg.

"He played a ton of minutes [Tuesday] night, had a great shooting night and we certainly needed that," Peth said. "We haven't shot the ball from the perimeter like that in awhile and that was a big part of the success that we had."

Grant Franzen continued showing his strength on the glass, grabbing 12 defensive rebounds. According to Peth, Franzen is finally starting to come into his own as a Knight.

"Grant is starting to feel comfortable with what we're doing on both ends of the floor," Peth said. "He's battling tooth-and-nail every time out, and the thing that he can do better than

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FROM THE BULPEN

Beckham scores big bucks in US

ABBY SHOWALTER SPORTS EDITOR

One-by-one, professional athletes are crossing over into celebrity-land by signing endorsement deals, appearing in commercials and being on reality shows. One family is even moving across an ocean in order to fully immerse themselves into the "real" American celebrity life.

The famed English soccer star David Beckham, wife Victoria and three sons are in the process of relocating to



Los Angeles after Beckham signed a \$250 million contract with the MLS' L.A. Galaxy

to play for five years.

On paper, Beckham has been one of the most successful English soccer players and is world-renowned for his ability to score goals off free kicks. But is it his soccer ability or his sense of style, fashion and family that has earned him the constant media spotlight?

Fashion and public appearances have been a top priority next to soccer for Beckham as he's launched his own line of clothing and glamorized soccer in Europe. His family is supportive as the former Spice Girl is the epitome of fashion while the children are dressed head to toe in designer clothing.

Although Beckham seems to have it all, he has been heavily criticized for his extravagant looks and lack of focus on soccer. During last summer's World Cup, Beckham appeared out of shape and was heavily scrutinized by the media for his performance. He even stepped down as the English national team's captain.

To many soccer fans it seems Beckham's deal with See SOCCER STAR page 11

Women clinch spot in IIAC tournament

Team moves to 8-8 in conference play, led by recent double-double performances

MAC SLAVIN STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg women's basketball team laced up their shoes and hit the court to end the regular season this week with games against Loras, Central and Cornell.

Sharese Van Sloten knew the team needed to be motivated heading into the week of games.

"If we don't produce a couple of wins this weekend, there is a possibility that we won't even make it into the conference tournament," Van Sloten said.

With that in mind the Knights got ready to battle the Duhawks. Loras outscored the Knights 28-18 in the first half, but Wartburg answered with a 41-point second half.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as the Duhawks came out victorious, 64-59.

Van Sloten led the Knights with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

LaToshia Burrell and Elizabeth Campbell also contributed to the scoring, with 14 and

10 points respectively.

After the loss to Loras, the team hoped to defeat Central.

A very close first half ended with Wartburg leading by two points, 35-33.

The Knights held on for a 76-74 victory as both teams scored 41 points in the second half.

Megan Hendricks brought home 17 points, leading the Knights.

Campbell and Burrell added 16 and 15 points respectively in the win. Van Sloten added 13 more for the team.

The Knights hoped to repeat their winning performance as they finished out the regular season against Cornell. Both teams kept it fairly close, but in the end the Knights came out victorious 65-57.

Campbell scored a game high 17 points for Wartburg, while Van Sloten added 15 and Burrell finished with 13.

As the Knights head into the conference tournament, the team hopes to focus on their

defense.

"I think we need to continue to play the great defense that we can," Campbell said. "I think lately we have been executing our offense better."

As the leading scorer on the team, Campbell knows the team can advance far in the tournament.

"We have nothing to lose,"

Campbell said.

The Knights finished 8-8 in the IIAC and 13-12 overall.

The conference tournament will begin next week when the Knights play on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Pairings will be announced Saturday.

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WEEKLY SCORES

Men's Basketball

def. Cornell 89-68
 5-11 (IIAC), 11-14 (Overall)

Women's Basketball

def. Cornell 65-57
 8-8 (IIAC), 13-12 (Overall)

Wrestling

def. Buena Vista 35-8
 8-0 (IIAC), 21-1 (Overall)

Indoor Track

UW-Whitewater Warhawk Classic
 Men-5th Women-1st